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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**Docket No. 16687.14**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of	David Putnam et al.	)
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Serial No.:	09/628,667	) Art Unit
		) 1639
Filed:	July 28, 2000	)
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Conf No.:	3663	)
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For:	Sample arrays and high-throughput testing thereof	)
	To detect interactions	)
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Examiner:	Jon D. Epperson	)

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

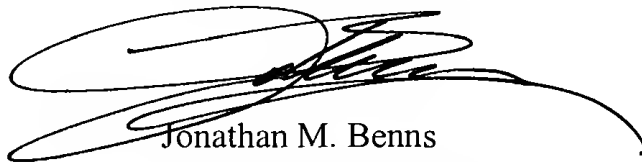
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, be extended for three (3) months until May 2, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

DATED this 27 day of April, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan M. Benms', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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